

# Superior Court Judge

## Amy G. Mead, First Judicial District



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**AGE:** 55

**PLACE OF BIRTH:** Livingston, New Jersey

**SPOUSE’S NAME:** Travis

**CHILDREN’S NAMES:** Elijah and Samantha

**LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA:** 26 years

**ALASKAN COMMUNITIES LIVED IN:**  
Ketchikan 1996 - 1998  
Juneau 1998 – present

**EDUCATION:**  
North Haven High School: 1981 - 1985  
Boston University: 1989  
Tulane Law School: 1993

**POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:**  
Superior Court Judge (Juneau); Alaska Commission on Judicial Conduct (as both attorney and judicial commission member); Municipal Attorney, City and Borough of Juneau; Assistant Municipal Attorney (Juneau); Borough Attorney (Wrangell); Assistant Attorney General (Juneau); Assistant District Attorney (Ketchikan); Law Clerk (Ketchikan)

**BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:**  
Private Law Practice (Juneau)

**SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS MEMBERSHIPS:**  
CINA Court Improvement Committee; Commission on Judicial Conduct; Alaska Municipal Attorneys Association (2010 - 2018; president 2017); Alaska Bar Association; Juneau Bar Association; Ketchikan Bar Association (1996 - 1998); Glacier Valley Rotary (2006 - 2010; 2015 - 2018)

**SPECIAL INTERESTS:**  
Family, hiking, reading

**STATEMENT:**  
I have been employed, almost without exception, since I was sixteen years old. This has, by far, been the most rewarding, yet demanding, job I have ever held. I take the responsibility of being a judge very seriously, and truly value the trust placed in me by the people of Southeast. I strive every day to treat those who appear before me with dignity and fairness: to make well-informed, timely decisions based on the law; and to treat everyone who comes into my courtroom with courtesy and respect.

I currently serve as the presiding judge for the First Judicial District. In this position, I am responsible for the full administrative oversight of the district. Additionally, I regularly engage in judicial outreach, such as hosting school groups and providing updates about the court system to the local radio station. I was recently appointed to the statewide Child in Need of Aid Court Improvement Project, which, along with other state agencies and Alaskan Tribes, works to improve how child protection cases are handled by the courts. Similarly, I have been working with representatives of the Central Council of Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes to establish an Indian Child Welfare Act Court in Juneau with the goal of improving outcomes for Native Alaskan children and their families in Southeast.

It has been an incredible honor to serve the people of the First Judicial District, and I hope the voters will entrust me to continue this important work.

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# Alaska Judicial Council Evaluation

## *Judge Amy Gurton Mead, Juneau Superior Court*

The Alaska Judicial Council finds Judge Mead met or exceeded performance standards, and recommends a **“YES”** vote for another term in office

Judge Mead was appointed to the Juneau Superior Court in July of 2018. Judge Mead handles civil and criminal cases. This is her first retention evaluation.

**Summary:** After conducting its performance review, the Judicial Council determined that Judge Mead met or exceeded performance standards on all criteria, including legal ability, integrity, impartiality/fairness, temperament, diligence, and administrative skills. The Council further concluded that Judge Mead complied with judicial ethics standards.

The Alaska Judicial Council therefore **recommends a “yes” vote** to retain Judge Mead in office.

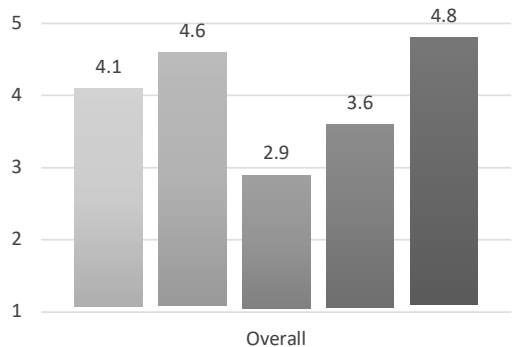
**Survey ratings:** Attorneys who appeared before Judge Mead gave her very good reviews, and social services professionals gave her good reviews. Court employees gave her excellent reviews. Peace and probation officers who appeared before her rated her in the acceptable range in most categories but slightly lower in the overall category. Jurors rated her very highly. One juror commented, “She was outstanding. She was courteous and respectful to the jury, the parties, and the witnesses.” The chart shows some of the survey ratings received by Judge Mead. Complete survey ratings are available at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

**Professional activities:** The Council’s review of Judge Mead’s professional activities showed significant contributions to the administration of justice and her community. Judge Mead made contributions in the areas of court administration, working group service, teaching, community outreach and involvement, and youth activities.

A detailed list of Judge Mead’s professional and community activities is posted at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us).

**Other performance indicators:** The Council reviewed other performance indicators for Judge Mead, including financial and conflict of interest statements, whether pay was withheld for an untimely decision, how often parties disqualified her from cases, and appellate reversal rates. Judge Mead performed well in these areas.

### Justice System Professionals' Survey Ratings for "Overall" Job Performance for Judge Mead



- Attorneys, n=115
- Court Employees, n=30
- Peace and Probation Officers, n=30
- Social Service Professionals, n=10
- Jurors, n=26

Rated on a scale from 5 (excellent) to 1 (poor)

\*Judges are rated by different groups depending on caseloads.

Find this judge's full performance evaluation at [www.ajc.state.ak.us](http://www.ajc.state.ak.us)